

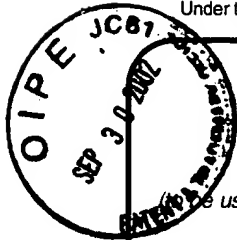
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1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity - fee \$840.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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1. As a result of research into Gilat's patent portfolio in the Spring of 2002, Gilat Satellite Networks, Inc ("Gilat") management and engineering teams discovered that the instant application appeared to have been abandoned.
2. At the time of the apparent abandonment of the application, Dr. Mark Friedman Ltd. was handling the prosecution of the case from Israel. Dr. Rosenthal of Dr. Mark Friedman Ltd. forwarded an Advisory Action dated May 17, 2001 to Mr. Amos Meltzer, Counsel for Gilat, on May 29, 2001, and requested instructions from Mr. Meltzer for responding to the Advisory Action. Reminders were subsequently forwarded on June 24, 2001, July 12, 2001, August 16, 2001, and August 22, 2001. Mr. Meltzer advised Dr. Mark Friedman not to pursue this matter (date uncertain).
3. Mr. Meltzer did not consult with the appropriate engineering team prior to forwarding instructions to abandon. It was standard practice to obtain instructions from the engineers prior to forwarding instructions for filing a response.
4. Mr. Meltzer submitted his Notice of Resignation from Gilat in September 2001. Mr. Meltzer's left employment of Gilat in November 2001.
5. In June of 2002, Gilat consolidated all patent prosecution in one law firm, Banner & Witcoff, located in the United States. Banner & Witcoff, Ltd was requested to review the prosecution history and correspondence of the instant application. No USPTO documents were located in Applicant's records dated subsequent to the Advisory Action. No Notice of Abandonment was located.
6. As the file history maintained at Gilat was incomplete, a full file history was requested from Dr. Friedman. Upon determining that no Notice of Abandonment was present in Dr. Friedman's files, the full file history was requested from the USPTO, which necessitated the filing of a Revocation and Power of Attorney. This request was made July 26, 2002 after obtaining the requisite Revocation and Power of Attorney.
7. The complete file history was received on August 8, 2002. Upon review of the copy of the US prosecution history from the USPTO, it was determined that no Notice of Abandonment was in the USPTO application file. It is therefore our belief that the USPTO did not mail a Notice of Abandonment in the instant application.
8. Had a Notice of Abandonment been received by the applicant, an immediate determination that the abandonment was a result of a mistake would have been made.